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White Sands Missile Range, N.M., July 21, 2015 - White Sands Missile Range welcomes Col. Eric C. Rannow as the White Sands Test Center Commander.

At an Assumption of Command ceremony held Thursday, July 16, 2015, White Sands Missile Range welcomed Col. Eric C. Rannow and his family.

White Sands Missile Range provides Army, Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense, and other customers with high-quality services for experimentation, test, research, assessment, development, and training in support of the Nation at war. It is the Test Center goal to become the leading live and virtual range facility for component, integration, and Joint system of system efforts in support of wartime efforts and transformation.

Col. Rannow arrived from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Rannow is originally from Racine, Wisconsin, and was commissioned into the Field Artillery in 1992 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Army Logistics Management College, Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Acquisition University Program Manager's Course, and the Army War College.

Rannow's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, The Iraqi Campaign Medal, The Army Staff Identification Badge, and both Air Assault and Airborne badges.

Rannow replaces Col. James Winbush, who left WSMR in May for an assignment at the Pentagon. Winbush served at WSMR for 34 months.

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